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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)
Appl. No. (To be assigned); Filed: May 12, 1998
For: **Methods for Production and Purification of Nucleic Acid Molecules**
Inventors: GRUBER *et al.*
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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.
Patent and Trademark Office:

1. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

Methods for Production and Purification of Nucleic Acid Molecules

and naming as inventors:

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the application consisting of:

- a. A specification containing:



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- (i) 36 pages of description prior to the claims, including a sequence listing at pages 35-36;
 - (ii) 10 pages of claims (53 claims);
 - (iii) a one (1) page abstract;
 - (iv) one (1) sheet of drawings (Figure 1);
- b. Computer-readable diskette copy of the sequence listing;
2. Authorization To Treat A Reply As Incorporating An Extension Of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) (*in duplicate*); and
3. Two (2) return postcards.

It is respectfully requested that, of the two attached postcards, one be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier, and the other, prepaid postcard, be stamped with the filing date and unofficial application number and returned as soon as possible.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.821(f), the paper copy and computer-readable copy of the sequence listing submitted herewith are the same.

This patent application is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) without Declaration and without filing fee. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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